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**SOURCE:**

1. In September 1953 an unidentified labor battalion of the 203 North Korean Army Unit was in the southeastern part of Wollung-dong<sup>1</sup> near Wölbong-ni (N 38-13, E 126-08) (BT-4933).<sup>2</sup> They moved to the area from Namch'on (N 38-20, E 126-24) (BT-7346) on 25 August 1953. The unit occupied about 15 out of 50 civilian houses in Wölbong-ni on the southeastern side of the town. The civilians who had been living in the 15 houses moved into the other houses. Two guards patrolled the quarters area nightly..
2. During September the battalion was engaged in rear construction work from 0630 to 1900 hours at Kakho-san (N 38-12, E 126-06) (BT-4630) and at Chungbyon,<sup>1</sup> about 3.5 kilometers south of Wölbong-ni. They were constructing substantial air raid shelters about 10 meters long, 5 meters wide, and 1.5 meters high at intervals of about 15 meters. The shelters had log floors.
3. There were 350 men in the battalion. They were armed with about 50 Soviet rifles and burp guns. There were no other weapons. The unit communicated with the Namch'on area by telephone. Twice monthly polished rice and kaoliang were brought in from Namch'on by trucks and horse-drawn carts.

25X1A 1. Comment. These places are not listed in the Army Map Service gazetteer to maps of Korea.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED] from different sources, concerning North Korean troops in Hwanghae Province. See also [REDACTED] for Chinese Communist forces in Hwanghae Province.

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